(c) the details of each complaint and action taken thereon;

(d) whether any steps have been taken to ensure that partisan attitude does not continue in Madras Doordarshan Kendra and also in their programmes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) Doordarshan does receive letters from viewers both appreciating and complaining the quality and contents of its programmes as well as its functioning. The complaints/suggestions are duly looked into and creative action taken wherever necessary. No statastics are, however, maintained of each such letters.

(b) and (c) The Government have received letters from the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and also from a few Members of Parliament alleging partisan attitude of Doordarshan especially towards the non-Congress (I) ruled States. The allegations have been promptly looked into and have been found to be not based on facts. Replies to this effect have also been sent to the concerned State Governments/Members of Parliament.

(d) and (e) Both All India Radio and Doordarshan are governed by a set of guidelines called 'News Policy for Broadcast Media'. These guidelines have been framed by the high-level Media Advisory Committee. As per these guidelines the reporting of the news has to be factual, accurate and objective and only such views as make news find place in the news broadcasts. Each news story is judged strictly on the basis of its newsworthiness.

Black marketing of essential commodities by Fair Price Owners in Delhi

3248. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several essential commodities are diverted to black market by Fair Price Shop Owners in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to check this malpractice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) Complaints about diversion of essential commodities by Fair Price Shops Owners are received by the Food & Supplies Department of Delhi Administrations from time to time. Necessary enquiries are made on all such complaints and departmental action against the defaulting Fair Price Shops owners is taken which often result in cancellation of authorisation and forfeiture of security. Prosecutions under the Essential Commodities Act etc. are also launched in cases where instances of grave irregularities are noticed.

Printing of compendium in diglot form for allotment of Government accommodation

3249. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the last edition of the Compendium available in the Directorate of Estates for allotment of Government accommodation etc. has become quite old and majority of rules contained therein have been changed;